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Expansion of ORO Coverage in China

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1. As you know, the State Department has decided to recall all diplomatic and consular officers from Communist China, thus closing

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2. The removal of overt sources being supplied at present by the Department of State and the impending severance of all official governmental relations with Communist China means that the collection of intelligence information from this area must be of a covert nature and under the direction of covert operations. The Office of Special Operations is therefore directed to expand its collection operations in China with respect to the political, economic, and military fields formerly [redacted] production of national intelligence reports and estimates by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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